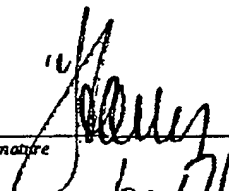


<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>(Large Entity)</b>			Docket No. <b>1324</b>
In Re Application Of: <b>LAUMEN</b>			<b>RECEIVED</b> <b>CENTRAL FAX CENTER</b> <b>APR 30 2004</b>
Serial No. <b>09/623,946</b>	Filing Date <b>11/03/2000</b>	Examiner <b>CHAUDRY, M.</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2133</b>
Invention: <b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ENCODING AND DECODING DATA</b>			<b>OFFICIAL</b>
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>			
<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>12/31/2003</u> in the above-identified application. <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><small>Date</small></span></p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month             <input type="checkbox"/> Two months             <input type="checkbox"/> Three months             <input type="checkbox"/> Four months             <input type="checkbox"/> Five months       </p> <p>         from: <u>MARCH 31, 2004</u>     until: <u>APRIL 30, 2004</u>  <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><small>Date</small></span>     <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><small>Date</small></span> </p> <p>The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$110</b> and is to be paid as follows:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <b>19-4675</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. <b>19-4675</b> </p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   <small>Signature</small> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> Dated: <b>APRIL 30, 2004</b> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> 07/15/2004 VJONES2 00000002 194675 09623946  01 FC:125L 110.00 DA </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; width: fit-content;"> <p>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</small></p> </div>			